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News Notes

AFGE members meet

The American Federation of Government Employees Local 1647 will hold its monthly union meeting at 5 p.m. tomorrow at the Tobyhanna VFW Post 509. If you have any questions, call the union office, X57789.

Christmas service at chapel

A Christmas service will be conducted Dec. 24 at 4 p.m. in the chapel. There are no services scheduled for Christmas day. For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffery Brooks, X59689.

AUSA luncheon in January

The Tobyhanna Army Depot AUSA Chapter membership luncheon will be Jan. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Landing. The cost of the buffet lunch is \$15 and the guest speaker will be depot commander Col. Charles Gibson. The deadline to RSVP is Dec. 28. For more information, call Luann Goyne, X57886.

Outreach program hosts potluck

A potluck dinner is scheduled for Jan. 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the chapel. The event is sponsored by the Tobyhanna Army Depot Survivor Outreach Services. Families who have lost a service member are welcome to attend. To reserve a seat, call Debbie Ward at (570) 301-7941 or (570) 615-8374. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert to pass. Beverages will be provided.

New contact info for Ask-Toby

The e-mail address for the Ask-Toby Customer Service Desk has changed. Internal and external customers can submit all depot-related queries to usarmy.tyad.usamc.mbx.ask-toby@mail. mil. The service desk is also available by phone: X5-TOBY, (DSN) 795-TOBY or toll free 1-877-ASK-TOBY.

Advisory board meets quarterly

The Tobyhanna Army Depot Parent Advisory Board meets quarterly to give

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ADAM Cell Reset — Depot 'does it all' for less

by Anthony Ricchiazzi Editor

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Tobyhanna Army Depot has moved from a key player to the main player in the Reset and upgrade of systems central to air and missile defense in the tactical theater.

Technicians in the depot's Command and Control Systems Branch have developed the capability "to do it all here" at reduced costs over sending components to contractors. In the past, workers only Reset the systems in preparation for upgrade by the original equipment manufacturer. The branch is part of the C3/Avionics Directorate's Command, Control and Computer Systems

The system, the AN/TSQ-253 Air Defense and Airspace Management (ADAM Cell), is composed of a shelter mounted on a Humvee. Components include the AN/PRC-117 radios, Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio Systems, asynchronous routers, global positioning and computers.

The mobile system combines the Forward Area Air Defense, the Air and Missile Defense Command and Control and the Tactical Airspace Integration systems into one platform. It is used to coordinate air defense for all aircraft and missile defense systems, including Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and the Patriot, Chaparral and the Air Defense/Anti-Tank surface-to-air missiles systems. The system also acts

as a link for Army airspace command and control operations.

Subsystems would be disassembled here and sent to subcontractors for Reset. Amanda Totten, production controller for ADAM Cell, schedules the Reset of the Humvees, shelters and environmental control units (ECUs) through the Systems Integration and Support Directorate. Reset is returning equipment to the condition it was prior to deployment to support future requirements.

Subcontractors Reset the radios, computers and other components. All other components were sent to the Program

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Ask for the gift of God's blessing

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER by Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey L. Brooks

I don't know about you, but there have been a lot of times in my life that I've said, "If I had the opportunity to do it all over again, I would have done things much differently."



I wonder if anyone besides me has ever said that? Something that creates stress for me is not knowing the best way to plan for the future because you never know what might happen tomorrow.

Do you realize that the Bible has something to say about preparing for the future? Here is what it says: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6, The King James Bible).

I want to challenge and encourage you to pause during the Christmas Season and ask God to bless the year ahead of you. Take some time to ask God to bless your family, health, work and all that you will find yourself facing in 2012.

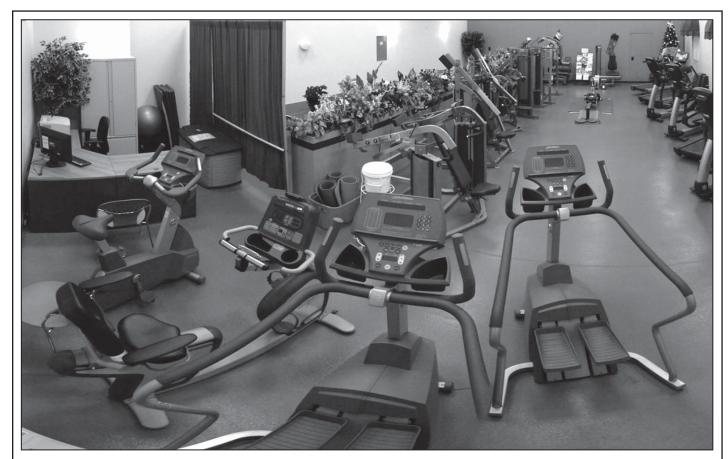




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Satellite gyms open during fitness center renovations

Renovations have begun in the Mack Fitness and Recreation Center that could last up to eight weeks. Renovations include converting the left racquetball court into a multi-purpose fitness room, painting and refinishing the floor in the right racquetball court and replacing the gym floor. Plus, a new automated dividing curtain will be installed allowing the staff to split the basketball court in half. The customer service counter area will also be renovated. The entire center will be closed during this time, and while new cardio and strength equipment is installed in the fitness rooms. Customers are encouraged to use the satellite gyms located in the mission area. Above, the Life Fitness Cardio-Strength Room is open near the dining room at Cafe 4, located in Building 4, Bay 3. For more information, call X57150. (Photo by Steve Grzezdzinski)

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parents opportunity to provide input into the Child, Youth, and School Services (CYSS) program operations. Anyone who has a child enrolled in the depot CYSS programs can participate in the meeting. For more information, call Jennifer Williams, X58113, or Anne Wombacker, X56148. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 1 at 11:30 a.m.

Post Exchange offers dry cleaning service

Employees can bring their dry cleaning and clothing that needs tailoring to the Post Exchange. Dry cleaning service includes ties, pants, dresses, dress uniforms, jackets, blouses and shirts. Tailoring services include seam repair, new zipper and elastic installation, hem and waist adjustments, and dress shortening. Scheduled times are Tuesday and Friday noon for drop off and 2 p.m. for pick up. Customers can drop off clothes anytime Tuesday through Saturday during Post Exchange hours. For details, call (570) 615-7030.

Contact info for technical library changes

The new e-mail address for the Technical Library customer service is usarmy.tyad.usamc.mbx.techlib@mail.mil. Customers can use this address for all official library business such as notifications of new supervisors, requests for technical documents, and paperless initiative issues. For more information, call Jennifer Pilant, X56353.

Do not copy federal ID badges

Personnel are reminded that photocopying federal identification

items such as common access cards (CACs) is a violation of Title 18, Code Part I, Chapter 33, Section 701, and punishable by fine and/or imprisonment.

Recent incidents regarding the photocopying of military identification cards and CACs by commercial establishments to verify military affiliation or provide government rates for service have been reported.

Commercial establishments are not prohibited from asking for military/government identification. If an establishment insists on a photocopy of identification, it is recommended that Defense Department personnel provide a state driver's license or other form of photo identification to be photocopied.

This does not apply to medical establishments (i.e. doctor's office, hospitals, etc.) who are allowed to make a copy for filing insurance claims, and other government agencies in the performance of official government duties.

Vehicle decals becoming obsolete

The identification decals employees have been placing on the windshields of their vehicles are no longer required for Tobyhanna Army Depot. In accordance with this, employees no longer have to register their vehicles with the Security Division.

However, other installations may still require them. Employees are asked to leave them on until they expire, then remove and destroy them upon expiration, or if retiring or otherwise leaving employment here. For details, call the Security Division, X57550.

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TEAM **T**OBYHANNA **E**LECTRONICS

2 employees earn CECOM-level quarterly awards

by Anthony Ricchiazzi **Editor**

A logistics management specialist and an electronics worker have been recognized by the CECOM Life Cycle Management Command for outstanding duty performance.

Kris Martin of the Production Management Directorate earned the second quarter CECOM LCMC Employee of the Quarter, Senior category. Jason Kilmer of the Command, Control and Computer Systems/Avionics Directorate earned the award in the Junior category.

Martin, who works in Production Management's Communications Branch, Communications Management Division, was recognized for playing a key role in a number of depot missions.

According to the nomination, Martin's most significant contribution was support of the Project Manager Warfighter Information Network - Tactical (PM WIN-T) AN/TRC-190 Prep for Retrofit and Retrofit programs. He managed the human and data resources across multiple functional areas and displayed professional interpersonal skills.

"Every month we are completing approximately 50 AN/TRC-190 shelters," he said. "Many of these shelters have just returned from Southwest Asia or were heading there. To know that we are directly supporting the warfighter is truly an honor and an incredible motivator."

"The volume of shelters we process has probably been the biggest challenge we had to overcome," he added. "Constant coordination and communication has been critical to the success of the program. None of this would be possible without my direct co-workers, Mike Broskoskie and Maria Portonova. They are fully committed and don't have 'I can't' in their vocabulary. The same can be said for just about everyone involved with the TRC-190 programs from shop personnel, planners, leaders, supervisors, material movers, etc.--the list can go on and on."

Kris Martin (far right) and Jason Kilmer earned the **CECOM Life Cycle** Management Command second quarter **Employee of the Quarter, Senior** and Junior award, respectively. (Photo by Steve Grzezdzinski)



Martin performs a variety of duties required to develop logistics management operations that involve planning, coordinating and evaluating the logistics actions required to support depot mission workload and resource requirements. He serves as project coordinator for systems and equipment, prototype development, initial fabrication, production run, initial and following fielding and major modifications of complex electronic communications systems.

Another of his accomplishments involved the Patriot Missile System. Martin was the lead TYAD point of contact and liaison who secured a significant supportingrole partnership with Letterkenny Army Depot (LEAD) in their effort to fully Reset lst Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery Regiment Patriot Missile Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C.

"The most rewarding part of my job is the sense of accomplishment that comes along with it," he said. "Winning the Tobyhanna Army Depot employee of the Quarter was an incredible honor, so winning at the CECOM level is surreal. To be nominated and selected from the large group of eligible employees is hard to comprehend."

Kilmer's duties include working independently on maintaining, troubleshooting, testing and repairing problems in single layered printed circuit cards and other equipment that is of limited design and functional complexity. He also assists in the overhaul, troubleshooting, repair, installation, modification, alignment

and maintenance of communicationselectronics equipment and systems. Kilmer performs tasks such as removing and replacing defective components, modules and assemblies that have been identified by electronics mechanics or automatic test equipment as being defective.

Kilmer, who works in the Transponder Branch, was a key player on the Sidewinder Missile Branch Shingo team, said Gene Golembeski, chief of the Transponder Branch.

"He created seven standard work documents that eliminated any variations in critical processes," Golembeski said. "He developed toolbox templates and was instrumental in the implementation of the process tool boxes. He also assisted with document verification, work station preparation and personnel briefings in preparation for the Shingo Team Evaluation visit. He was selected by George Bellas, the director, to be part of the Shingo examiner escort team during the evaluation."

Kilmer is a top performer within the Avionics Division, added former division chief Joe Wassell.

"Jason is responsible, dependable and

can be counted on to complete every task on time," Wassell said. "He is a self-starter and is never intimidated by a new challenge. He consistently exceeds expectations and is always willing to help his peers and subordinates to ensure the job gets done."

Jason proved his effectiveness by the results of the Sidewinder Missile Branch's success in attaining a Shingo Bronze, Golembeski said. The processes he helped put in place streamlined workflow and improved production while reducing waste. He also identified a deficiency in the toolbox foam installed in the clean room toolboxes and quickly researched and procured replacement foam that met standards.

"With his knowledge and experience from the Shingo team, he was appointed as the key person for C3/Avionics in preparation for AS9100/9110 certification," Golembeski said. "Jason is a team player."

"I attribute my recognition to the people I work next to and the military for the strong work ethic," Kilmer said. "The best thing about working at Tobyhanna is that I know what I am working on is going to be something that could save the life of someone defending our freedom."



Tobyhanna FY11 significant statistics

Tobyhanna achieved significant productivity during fiscal year 2011. In addition to highdirect labor hours and direct overtime figures, the depot exceeded \$1 billion in new orders. At any given point during the year



the depot was working in excess of 10,000 different production orders. Also, the depot achieved a positive Net Operating Result (NOR) of \$3.54 million. The primary drivers were the increase in executing Direct Labor Hours and the reduction in overhead expenses we achieved.

| Direct labor hours (DLH) | 6,046,024 hours | 4th highest DLHs ever accomplished by Tobyhanna; 35K fewer |
|---|-------------------------------|---|
| | | hours than fiscal 2010. |
| Civilian direct overtime | 1,044,779 hours | 35.6K higher than fiscal 2010 |
| Prior year carryout | \$89.2M | Increased by \$24.4M from FY10 |
| Total carryout | \$599.5M | Below the ceiling level by \$151.3M (using new OSD |
| | | calculation) |
| Completions (eaches): | 208,872 | |
| Repair/overhaul | 76,693 | |
| Manufacturing | 132,179 | Includes 100K helmet brackets |
| Productive yield | 1,656.6 (hours per person per | Exceeded the Army Materiel Command goal by 41 hours |
| | year) | (highest yeaild ever) |
| Expenses | \$895.2M | |
| Direct civilian on board strength (OBS) | 4,003 | Net loss of 30 direct employees |
| Total depot civilian OBS | 4,114 | Net loss of 111 civilian employees (direct and indirect; includes |
| | | SCEP and STEP employees) |
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CAREER MILESTONE



From left, Stephen Kurilla, April Lockwitch, Deputy Commander Frank Zardecki, Walter Swistak, and Michael Corey attend the Length of Service ceremony held Nov. 30

Eleven Tobyhanna employees were recognized for their years of government service during Length of Service ceremonies Nov. 30, Dec. 14 and Dec. 15.

Anthony Maszeroski – 45 years, electronics technician, Automated Mission Support Division, Production Engineering (PE) Directorate.

Michael Corey – 35 years, lead information technology specialist (system analysis), Architecture, System and Application Design Division, Information Management (IM) Directorate.

Stephen Kurilla – 30 years, sheet metal mechanic leader, System Reset and Overhaul Division, Systems Integration and Support (SIS) Directorate.

April Lockwitch – 30 years, supply clerk, Material



From left, depot commander Col. Charles C. Gibson, Roy Owens, Anthony Maszeroski, Wayne Monroe and depot Sgt. Maj. Kelvin Spencer attend the Length of Service ceremony held Dec. 14.

Management Division, Production Management (PM) Directorate.

Walter Swistak – 30 years, electronics engineer, Automated Mission Support Division, PE Directorate.

Wayne Monroe – 30 years, supply technician, Communications Security Division, Communication Systems (CS) Directorate.

Roy Owens – 30 years, maintenance management specialist, Voice Communications Division, CS Directorate.

Peter Verkitus – 30 years, locksmith, Utilities and Grounds Division, Public Works (PW) Directorate.

Michael Winderbaum – 30 years, supply technician, Equipment and Supply Division, PW Directorate. Steven Mikitka – 30 years, chief, Electrical Overhaul



From left, Gibson, Michael Winderbaum, Steven Mikitka, James Overgard, Peter Verkitus and Sgt. Maj. Kelvin Spencer, attend the Length of Service ceremony held Dec. 15.

Support Branch, SIS Directorate.

James Overgard – 30 years, metal photo worker, Industrial Operations Facility Division, SIS Directorate.

In addition to service certificates and pins, employees with 45 years of service receive a brass-mounted engraved eagle statue and choice of an Army crystal decanter or Army glass decanter set. Those with 30 years receive a framed American Flag that includes a photo of the depot signed by their coworkers.

Honorees who attend the Length of Service ceremony also receive a four-hour time-off award.

Depot commander Col. Charles Gibson, deputy commander Frank Zardecki and Sgt. Maj Kelvin Spencer presented the awards.

WELCOME TO THE DEPOT

| Name | Title | Organization |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| James Harden | Police officer | D/IRM |
| Jamie Jantz | Secretary | D/PM |
| Sean Manley | Secretary | D/PM |
| Carla Miller | Program analyst | D/SIS |
| Toshia Sommerville | Secretary | D/Comm Sys |
| William Schlingman | Secretary | D/SIS |
| William Wambold | Police officer | D/IRM |
| Kathleen Wills | Logistics management specialist | D/FLS |

RETIREES

| Retirement date | Organization |
|-----------------|---|
| Oct. 31 | D/Comm Sys |
| Oct. 31 | D/SIS |
| Oct 31 | D/ISR |
| Oct. 31 | D/Comm Sys |
| Nov. 1 | D/PII |
| Nov. 8 | D/Comm Sys |
| Nov. 19 | LOGSA |
| Nov. 30 | D/BM |
| Nov. 30 | D/ISR |
| Nov. 30 | D/SIS |
| Nov. 30 | D/ISR |
| Nov. 30 | D/ISR |
| Dec. 3 | D/SIS |
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Army activates first-of-its-kind Cyber Brigade

by Tina Miles 780th Military Intelligence Brigade

FORT MEADE, Md. — Network warfare, cyber security and the illegal release and posting of classified information on the internet are all hot topics in recent news headlines — topics which the government, and more importantly its military, take seriously.

The nature of that seriousness is evident with the Army's recent activation of its first computer network operations brigade.

With an urgent insistence and tremendous help from the National Security Agency, Department of Defense and U.S. Cyber Command, Army and Congressional staff, the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command created the 780th Military Intelligence Brigade to support U.S. and Army Cyber Commands with their missions to provide a proactive cyber defense.

In an event that marked the culmination of vears of preparation, the colors of the 780th MI Brigade were unfurled for the first time during an activation ceremony at Fort Meade, Md., Dec. 1.

"On really rare occasions like today we have the opportunity to activate a new unit - handpicked, specifically recruited and purpose built, which has and will continue to contribute to a complex fight against those who present a clear and present danger to our nation's security, while providing new and breathtaking capabilities to our Army's already impressive portfolio of war fighting capabilities," said Maj. Gen. Mary A. Legere, INSCOM commanding general.

Though preoccupied with two wars in the Middle East, engaged in other operations globally and confronted by resource constraints, the Army empowered INSCOM to once again build a unit in response to a specific threat — providing it with



The 780th Military Intelligence Brigade conducted its first official brigade run on Dec 2, since the unit's official activation ceremony which was held on Dec. 1, at Friedman Auditorium, Fort George G. Meade, Md. (U.S. Army photo)

the mandate, mission and resources to form this

In December 2010, the Army approved the establishment of an Army Cyber Brigade and designated the 780th MI Brigade to fulfill this mission with an effective date of Oct. 1.

"Never rely too heavily on intuition. It will never be a good substitute for good intelligence." said Legere, quoting a phrase from Gen. Omar Bradley. "It is his spirit, and in response to a sense of foreboding, that our Army has had the wisdom to resource and create the 780th."

The ceremony also marked the assumption of command for Col. Jonathan E. Sweet, as he accepted the colors from Legere.

The brigade's 781st MI Battalion and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, at Fort Meade, and the 782nd MI Battalion, located at Fort Gordon, Ga., will collectively enable the unit's mission to conduct signals intelligence, computer network operations, and when directed, offensive operations, in support of DOD, Army and interagency operations worldwide, while denying the same to its adversaries.



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Communications-Tactical, the customer at that time, was paying us and the contractors; we proposed that we could do all the work here at reduced costs, including shipping costs, over sending components to contractors," said Amy Pocius, a logistics management specialist in the Production Management Directorate. "We began developing the capability earlier this year."

Prior to that, a Value Stream Analysis was done in late 2008, which resulted in a

Left, Amy Pocius, logistics management specialist, and Amanda Totten (right), production controller, review the ADAM Cell production reduction in the Repair Cycle Time from 90

"The key success tools for that were improved communication and teamwork here and with the customer," Pocius said. "This indirectly led to our proposal that Tobyhanna could handle the entire workload."

In May, the program manager's office identified two ADAM Cells that the depot could use as pilots to develop and prove fullmission capability. In coordination with the Productivity Innovation and Improvement, Production Engineering, and Systems Integration and Support directorates, and DLA Tobyhanna, a facility in Building 1B was prepared and workload was moved in.

"We identified test equipment that was needed and updated TROS (Technical Reference Orders) working with Production Engineering," Pocius said. "When we showed that we could in fact take on the whole mission, CECOM accepted the two pilot systems and approved our proposal."

At that point, mission oversight was moved from CECOM Life Cycle Management Command to Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command,

Pocius says Tobyhanna now supports ADAM Cells in three ways. After Reset work is accomplished, a Tobyhanna field service representative accompanies systems to AMCOM's Software Engineering Directorate for final testing and for integration checkout with the customer in the field.

"ADAM Cell Reset is now 100 percent organic," she said.

Technicians will also build new ADAM Cells. About 30 are scheduled for fiscal years 2013-2017. "We're currently building a prototype to prove our design," Pocius said. "The accomplishments for our Reset mission will allow us to integrate the processes for the 'new build' mission into the space we use for Reset."

The third mission is overhaul. CECOM directed that Command Post Platform systems and associated shelters, including ADAM Cells, fielded for five years will be completely overhauled to like new condition. That mission will start this year.

Russ Wright, chief of the C3 Division, noted that the depot has increased workload while reducing the Repair Cycle Time and consistently met or exceed customer deadlines.

"Tobyhanna's entire ADAM Cell team worked closely with the program manger to ensure all the work requested was complete to meet the unit's timeline," he said. "Their responsiveness to the Soldier's needs led directly to the ADAM scope-of-work expansion."



The last of the fiscal year 2011 ADAM Cell workload is ready for personnel to touch-up the paint before its shipped to the original equipment manufacturer. (Photos by Steve Grzezdzinski)

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Editor's Note: The Community Bulletin provides an avenue for depot and tenant employees to advertise van or car pools, and for-sale items. Money making items such as rentals and personal business will not be accepted.

Information must be submitted via e-mail to Jacqueline.Boucher@ us.army.mil, or written items can be mailed to the Public Affairs Office, mail stop 5076.

Submissions must include a name and telephone extension. Only ome phone numbers will be published in the Trading Post section Voluntary submission of items constitutes individual's consent to publish personal information all versions of the Tobyhanna Reporter.

Ads will be published in four consecutive newspapers. It is the customer's responsibility to update or renew items listed in the Community Bulletin.

For information, call Anthony Ricchiazzi, X57557.



VAN/CAR POOLS

Dickson City: House to house pick up, non-smoking,5/4/9 runs both Fridays, A placard. Contact Dave Stevens,

Dorrance, Mountaintop: 2 openings, 5/4/9, runs both Fridays, non-smoking, departs Dorrance municipal building by 5:30 a.m., available starting Jan. 1, contact Jeff, X56130 or Barbara, X56883, barbara.j.margevich-esgro.civ@mail.mil.

Back Mountain, Kingston: 1 opening, van, 5/4/9, non-smoking, "A" placard, contact Chris, X59088 or christopher.s.antall.civ@mail.mil.

N.J., Water Gap area: Openings, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m., pickup points off Rt. 80 West including Allamuchy. Call Robin, X57345.

Jessup: 1 opening, 5/4/9, runs both Fridays, non-smoking, contact shannon.p.falls.civ@mail.mil.

Blakely, Olyphant, Dickson City: New van pool, 5/4/9, runs both Fridays, rotate driving, call Eric, X58285 or Joanne, X56533.

Old Forge, Taylor: 2 openings, 5/4/9, runs both Fridays, no tobacco products, house-to-house pick up, rotate driving, "A" placard, departs Old Forge by 6:10 a.m., call Joe Stocki or Tom Perrone, X57532.

Wilkes-Barre: 2 openings, 5/4/9, runs both Fridays, departs from Sam's Club at 5:45 a.m., returns 5:30 p.m., \$130 month, contact John Alden, X59708 or john.m.alden6. civ@mail.mil.

Madisonville, Moscow: Looking for van pool, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., "A" placard, call Vince Sabatini, X57450. Allentown, Whitehall: 3 openings, 5/4/9, runs both

Fridays, non-smoking, departs from Whitehall Mall at 5:45 a.m., returns around 5:40 p.m., contact lawrence.s.moser. civ@mail.mil or craig.k.kahle.civ@mail.mil.

Mountain Top, White Haven: 1 opening, 7 a.m-3:30 p.m. shift, non-smoking, call Christine Isely, X56536.



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Misc items: Trampoline, 18-foot, enclosure, asking \$350 and solid oak bunk beds with mattresses, new, used for two months, asking \$600, call Mary Ann, 851-9267 or 489-5918. Circular saw: SKIL, 7-1/4 inch, 2-1/8 HP, 10 Amp, Model 5150. Excellent condition, used once, \$15, call Stanley,

Vehicle: 1985 GMC 1500, 2wd pick up, automatic, 85,000 miles, 305 rebuilt to 350, 10K on engine, 4bbl carb.; father/ son-owned since new, needs some work, asking \$3,000 OBO, call 643-8820, leave message.

CIO aims to close, consolidate 185 data centers

WASHINGTON—Before more than 500 information technology business representatives, the Army's chief information officer recenttly asaid the service plans to consolidate data centers and close at least 185 by fiscal year 2014.

Lt. Gen. Susan Lawrence said the Army Data Center Consolidation Plan is a top

Lawrence set the stage for her talk by playing a videotaped presentation by the Army vice chief of staff. In the videotape, Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli said it was an imperative that the Army Data Center Consolidation Plan reduce by at least half the more than 9,000 applications spread out on more than 24,000 servers worldwide without losing operational effectiveness.

"NETCOM and 7th Signal Command will ultimately serve as the single IT integrator for every post, camp and station Armywide and commands will be expected to work directly with them to identify issues so we can develop a realistic schedule for ADCCP much like we did for BRAC," Chiarelli said.

"This is about improving our security posture and providing the consolidated infrastructure to support LandWarNet. It's about good governance, well-defined business practices and positioning our Army for the next generation of computing while improving our warfighting capability," he said.



Verifying the Firefnder radar beam

Electronics Mechanics Anthony Rodgers (left) and Ed Nolan verify power supply output voltage on an AN/TPQ-36 Firefinder radar beam steering unit (BSU) in preparation of running a near field scan to determine antenna radio frequency integrity. Tobyhanna Army Depot repairs and tests this and the AN/TPQ-37 Firefinder radar systems for the Army, and the AN/TPQ-46 Firefinder radar for the Marine Corps. Rodgers and Nolan work in the Counterfire Components Branch, Counterfire Division, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate. Firefinder automatically locates the firing position of hostile mortars, rockets and artillery. Tobyhanna Army Depot earned the Shingo Gold Medallion (Public Sector) in early fiscal year 2008 for dramatic improvements to the AN/TPQ-36 Firefinder radar Antenna Transceiver Group repair and test mission. Depot personnel helped to test and verify new, stateof-the-art common processors for the AN/TPQ-36 and - 37 Firefinder radars to give warfighters even more reliable systems. (Photo by Steve Grzezdzinski)

Dempsey: Iraq campaign was worth the cost

by Cheryl Pellerin **American Forces Press Service**

BAGHDAD — Top U.S. military leaders observed the official end of U.S. Forces Iraq's mission here Dec 15 after nearly nine years of conflict that claimed the lives of nearly 4,500 U.S. troops, and created a sovereign nation from the destruction of a brutal dictatorship.

On a stage in a smoky courtyard on the military side of Baghdad International Airport, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta, Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III, commanding general of U.S. Forces Iraq, and U.S. Ambassador to Iraq James F. Jeffrey addressed U.S. and Iraqi officials and more than 150 troops and media from around the world.

Also on the stage was Marine Corps Gen. James N. Mattis, commander of U.S. Central Command.

Panetta welcomed distinguished members of the Iraqi government and military.

Thank you for your courage, leadership and friendship over these many years, the secretary said. More importantly, thank you for your loyalty to the future of Iraq. Your dream of an independent and sovereign Iraq is now a reality.

This is not the end, he added. This is truly the beginning. As U.S. Forces Iraq's mission ends, Jeffrey said, it's fitting to look back at the sacrifices made by so many Americans and so many Iraqis.

It's also a time, he added, to look forward to an Iraq that is sovereign, secure and self-reliant, an Iraq with whom the

United States government will continue to work in every way possible, building on the successes of our colleagues in USFI led by Gen. Austin.

The USFI commander welcomed the beginning of a new chapter in the U.S. strategy with Iraq, adding that he found the ceremony to be poignant.

Eight years, eight months and 26 days ago, as the assistant division commander for maneuver for the 3rd Infantry Division, I gave the order for the lead elements of the division to cross the border, Austin said.

As fate would have it, he added, I now give the order to case the colors today.

Casing the colors means packing the U.S. Forces Iraq flag and sending it home to the United States where it will be retired.

The home of U.S. Forces Iraq hosted 45,000 to 49,000 troops for the vast majority of Operation New Dawn and at the peak of the war housed 170,000 troops. Today only about 4,000 troops remain and every day hundreds more leave for staging and out-processing facilities in Kuwait.

The rest of the troops will depart Iraq over the next two weeks, , well in advance of the Dec. 31 deadline set by President Barack Obama, said Army Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan, the official spokesman for U.S. Forces Iraq.

For more than 20 years, Dempsey said, Iraq has been a defining part of our professional and personal lives ... Everywhere, at every level, we learned the power of relationships rooted in trust and respect with ourselves and with our Iraqi brothers.

The chairman recalled when he deployed to Iraq in 1991

as part of Operation Desert Storm to end Saddam Hussein's oppression of the Kuwaiti people.

More than a decade later, Dempsey deployed to Iraq

I remember leaving my family again to end Saddam Hussein's oppression of the Iraqi people, the chairman said. And now today I stand here with the very heart of my family, my wife, Deanie, to bear witness to what our sons and daughters -- to what your sons and daughters -- have

Dempsey said he's proud that the United States with its coalition partners and the Iraqi people teamed up to set a course that befits the promise and spirit of Iraq's children.

I look forward to an enduring partnership between our countries, the chairman added.

The Defense Department values the relationship with Iraq, Dempsey said.

We will stand with you against terrorists and others that threaten to undo what we have accomplished together, he said. We will work with you to secure our common interests in a more peaceful and prosperous region.

Everyone who served in Iraq will carry an image of that time, the chairman said.

Today my image is of Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Cooke ... of the First Brigade, First Armored Division, who on Christmas Eve 2003 was killed by an IED ... in northern Baghdad. Probably the finest noncommissioned officer I'd ever met, Dempsey said.

We've paid a great price here, the chairman added, and it has been a price worth paying.